

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ryan Barker on June 1, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 9: line 2, "first" has been changed to --one--.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

Claim 18: line 6, "puncture" has been changed to --puncturing--; and --the soft plastic cover being sized and shaped such that when the cover receives puncturing points therein, the soft plastic cover extends between adjacent puncturing points, and the step of sealing the puncturing points by embedding each point in a soft plastic cover further includes the step of embedding the puncturing points in a continuous soft plastic cover that receives at least two of the puncturing points therein,-- has been inserted at the end of the line, lines 8 and 9, "puncture" has been changed to --puncturing--.

Claim 22 has been canceled.

Claim 23: line 1, "22" has been changed to --18--.

Claim 29 has been canceled.

Claim 30: line 2, "sized and shaped to receive a plurality of puncturing points therein such that the" has been deleted,
lines 3 and 4 have been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ESSAMA OMGBA whose telephone number is (571)272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6:30, 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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